DISTRICT JALPAIGURI

1. Jalpaiguri 2. Deynaguri 3. Dhupguri 4. Rajganj 5 Matiali 6. Nagarakata 7. Hai 8. Ummargram 9. Filakata 10. Nadarihat 11. Kalchini 12. Alipurduar-I 13. Alipurduar-II

DISTRICT MALDA

Ratua-I 2. Ratua-II 3. Harischandrapur-I 4. Harischandrapur-II 5. Chanchal-I 6. Chanchal-II 7. Manikchak 8. Gazole 9. Habibpur 10. Ramangola 11. Old Malda 12. English Bazar 13. Kaliachak-I 14. Kaliachak-II 15. Kaliachak-III.

DISTRICT-WEST DINAJPUR

1. Raiganj 2. Kaliaganj 3. Hemtabad 4. Itahar 5. Banshihari 6. Kushmandi 7. Islampur 8. Karandighi 9. Chopra 10. Goalpokhar-I 11. Goalpokhar-II 12. Gangarampur 13. Kumarganj 14. Tapan 15. Balurghat 16. Hili

SIKKIM EAST DISTRICT

1. Central Pendum 2. Kavi 3. Kuluk 4. Makha Bazar 5. Namthana 6. Penland 7. Phensong 8. Phondong 9. Sanbazar 10. Temi Bazar

WEST DISTRICT

1. Barmik Nazar 2. Chakung 3. Dentam 4. Rishi Bazar 5. Yoksum 6. Linchhom

SOUTH DISTRICT

1. Damthang 2. Sosing

NORTH DISTRICT

1. Chhunjthang 2. Longdom 3. Longtham 4. Yoksum

Encouraging Supply of requirements by Telecom Factories

4518. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Telecom factories at Bombay, Calcutta and Jabalpur have not been encouraging supplies of their requirements from other Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) whether Government propose to direct these factories to encourage maximum supplies from other Public Sector Undertakings;

(c) whether Government have also received representation from public Sector Undertakings in this regard during the last three months; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No. Sir, the Telecom Factories have been following a conscious policy of encouraging supplies from Public Sector Undertakings to meet their stores purchase requirements and have even been giving them price preference as applicable under existing rules.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No

(d) In view of (c) above, does not arise.

Number and percentage of E.D.As. (Agents) in Postal Department

4519. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and percentage of E.D.As in postal department;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to convert E.D.As into departmental employees and make them permanent;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) As on 31.3.91, the number of E.D.As in the postal departmental was 2,98,743 and their percentage was 50.46.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. However in recognition of their association with this Department, they are given preferential treatment in the matter of recruitment in Group 'D'/Postmen Cadres and such